

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TERICA LA SANDRA WILLIS,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

BARBARA JEAN LONG,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ERIC WILLIS,

Respondent.

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March 26, 1999

No. 212925

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 95-329662

Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Jansen and Collins, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Barbara Jean Long (hereinafter "respondent") appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g), (i) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCL 7.214(E).

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCL 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). The agency's failure to investigate respondent's new home did not affect the outcome of these proceedings. Respondent's parental rights were terminated due to her ongoing, long-term history of drug abuse, the fact that her parental rights to three other children had been terminated previously, and the fact that prior

attempts at rehabilitation have been unsuccessful, not because the condition of her home was determined to be substandard.

Further, respondent failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith, supra*. Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins